

Appl. No. 10/681,713
Amendment
April 27, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 remain pending in this application.

Applicant wishes to acknowledge the Examiner's efforts in review of this matter and to express appreciation for the timeliness.

Turning now to the DETAILED ACTION portion of the Official Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). Additionally, the Examiner has rejected claims 8, 15, 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Finally, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-7, 9-14, 16-24 and 26 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,646,847.

In conclusion of a telephone conversation between the Examiner and Applicant's representative Mr. James E. Shultz Jr. on April 26, 2004 the Examiner indicated that this case would be allowed without amendment upon submittal of a timely filed terminal disclaimer.

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Applicant submits herewith a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), therefore, Applicant submits that claims 1-26 are in condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please contact the undersigned should additional information be required.

Respectfully submitted,
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